

# Chapter 10 Probability – (Study) Formula Sheet

## 10.1 – Introduction to Probability

Probability:

$$P(\text{Event}) = \frac{\text{Number of outcomes in the event}}{\text{Number of outcomes in the sample space}} = \frac{\text{Number of successes}}{\text{Number of possibilities}}$$

$$0 \leq P(\text{Event}) \leq 1$$

Sample space:

- All possible outcomes
- Ex: Rolling a die,  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

## 10.2 – Counting Outcomes

Fundamental Counting Principle:

- Total number of ways a job can be done
- Just multiply the number of ways to do each individual task)

Task 1	Task 2	...	Task n	Total Outcomes
$k_1$	$k_2$	...	$k_n$	$k_1 \times k_2 \times \dots \times k_n$

Ex: Total # of ways to get dressed with 3 pairs of socks, 4 pairs of pants, 2 belts, and 3 ties

$$\underbrace{3}_{\text{socks}} \times \underbrace{4}_{\text{pants}} \times \underbrace{2}_{\text{belts}} \times \underbrace{3}_{\text{ties}} = 72 \text{ total ways}$$

Factorial:

- $n! = n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (3)(2)(1)$

Combinations and Permutations:



- How many ways to “select r objects from a total of n objects” (without replacement).
- Combinations:  $nCr \rightarrow$  Order **does NOT** matter
  - Ex: Selecting a committee
- Permutations:  $nPr \rightarrow$  Order **DOES** matter (meaning to the “slots”)
  - Ex: Selecting a President, Vice President and Secretary

## 10.3 – Probability of Single Events

Odds for =  $\frac{P(\text{Win})}{P(\text{Lose})}$

Odds against =  $\frac{P(\text{Lose})}{P(\text{Win})}$

- To convert from probability to odds:  $P(A) \rightarrow a:b$ , First write the probabilities as fractions
- To convert from odds to a probability:  $a:b \rightarrow P(A) = \frac{a}{a+b}$
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Complements:

- $E^c \rightarrow$  All outcomes in the sample space that are not in event E (think: NOT, opposite, take it out)
- Complement rules of probability
  - 1)  $P(E) + P(E^c) = 1$
  - 2)  $P(E) = 1 - P(E^c)$
  - 3)  $P(E^c) = 1 - P(E)$



Calculating (harder) probabilities:

- TWO Approaches: Ex: Select 3 Hearts from 52 cards without replacement

- Direct way
 
$$\frac{13}{52} \times \frac{12}{51} \times \frac{11}{50}$$

13          12          11  
H          H          H
- Counting methods
 
$$\frac{{}^{13}C_3}{{}^{52}C_3}$$

Hearts only          ALL

Solve numerator and denominator separately

order doesn't matter  $\Rightarrow nCr$

$$P(\text{Event}) = \frac{\# \text{ Successes}}{\# \text{ Possibilities}}$$

## 10.4 – Addition and Multiplication Rules of Probability

Addition rules:

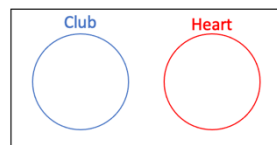
- The probability of A or B occurring  
 $P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$

$$P(\text{king or spade}) = P(\text{king}) + P(\text{spade}) - P(\text{king and spade})$$



- Mutually Exclusive Events:
  - No outcomes in common (no overlap)
- Addition Rule for Mutually Exclusive Events:
  - $P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B)$

$$P(\text{Club or Heart}) = P(\text{Club}) + P(\text{Heart})$$



Conditional Probability:

	Stats	Art	Total
Perfect	100	40	140
Good	20	50	70
Total	120	90	210

- $P(B | A)$  = The conditional probability of Event B, given that Event A has already occurred
- Event A is the “additional info” (GOES SECOND); then we are interested in Event B (GOES FIRST)

Ex) Find probability a student is a stats major given they have Good attendance

$$P(\text{Stats} | \text{Good}) = \frac{20}{70}$$

Multiplication Rules:

- Independent Events:
  - The result of one event does not influence the probability of the other
  - With replacement, unrelated experiments
- Dependent Events:
  - The result of one event does influence the probability of the other
  - Without replacement
- Multiplication Rule for Independent Events:
  - The probability of A and B occurring is:  
 $P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \times P(B)$
- Multiplication Rule for Dependent Events:
  - The probability of A and B occurring is:  
 $P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \times P(B | A)$       “Both events occurred” = “A occurred, then B occurred later”

## 10.5 – Expected Value

Expected value:  $E(X) = x_1 P(X_1) + x_2 P(X_2) + \dots + x_n P(X_n)$

X	P(X)	E(X)	Overall E(X)

- Steps to find:
  - 1) Make a table; 2) Think about X values first; 3) Then find probabilities; 4) Then calculate E(X)

Sum of Expected Values:

- To find the combined expected value of multiple events, just add the individual expected values.
- $E(X \text{ or } Y) = E(X) + E(Y)$